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From: Commandant of the Marine Corps

To: All General Officers

All Commanding Officers All Officers in Charge

Subj: ELECTRONIC INCOME TAX FILING PROGRAM

- 1. This year, every Marine Corps legal assistance office will again offer free electronic tax filing and tax assistance as part of its electronic income tax preparation and filing program. The continued success of this program requires your command support, advance planning, and volunteer participation.
- 2. Last year's tax assistance program was a great success in providing a major quality of life benefit to our military community with 20 Marine Corps tax centers in the United States and Japan electronically filing over 77,700 Federal returns. Marines and their families saved over \$8 million in tax preparation and filing fees, an average saving of almost \$90.00 per Marine. This was a 10 percent increase over the previous season's total. Once again, the Marine Corps tax program filed the highest percentage of returns of the uniformed services.
- 3. The goal again this year is to file electronic tax returns for 50 percent of the active duty force at every Marine Corps installation.
- 4. Accordingly, support your tax program with necessary personnel and equipment. Commanders should again establish permanent sites for their tax centers; make local Marines available TAD to those tax centers; and provide appropriate computer and technical support.
- 5. This is a superb program. Your investment will continue to save Marines and Sailors millions of dollars while enhancing overall unit readiness.

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